

DOWNTOWN UNITED

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED

and

WILMOT UNITED

July 6, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

4th Sunday after Pentecost



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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude: Hallelujah

~ Cohen

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit:

'This Is the Day'

MV 122

This is the day that God has made;

We will rejoice and be glad!

This is the day that God has made;

We will rejoice and be Glad!

Singing hal-le-lu singing hal-le-lu

Singing hal-le-lu, We will rejoice and be glad! (x2)

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

The harvest is plentiful, but the labours are few

We come as labourers of God's harvest, eager to serve and share the Good News

In a world full of wolves that seek to consume all they see

We come, trusting in God's protection and power, for we are never alone in the work God gives us.

Come to this time of worship, to glimpse the truth that God's kingdom is at hand

We come to listen to God's word as it opens our hearts and fill our spirits.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Opening Prayer

Hymn:

'Morning has broken'

TBoP 814

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;

blackbird has spoken like the first bird;

praise for the singing, praise for the morning,

praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass;
praise for the sweetness, praise for the morning,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning;
born of the one light Eden saw play;
praise with elation praise every morning
God's re-creation of the new day!

Prayer of Confession: ¹(Unison)

Loving God,

you send us into the world as ambassadors of your love and peace,
yet too often we create discord and division.

We serve our own interests first, ignoring those in need.

We value our understanding of the world you love,
and fail to listen to the stories of others.

Forgive us for such self-centeredness.

Help us to be more faithful disciples of Jesus,

eager to serve, willing to listen, glad to be of service in his name.

Words of Assurance

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Story time for the Young and the Young at Heart

Prayer for Understanding: ¹(Unison)

God of wisdom, as we listen to the scriptures read and interpreted, send us your Spirit so that we may hear your Word with new understanding. Move within us so that we respond in faithfulness for the sake of Christ, our Living Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Galatians 6:1-16

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Narrator: After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them,

Jesus: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ... “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

Narrator: The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them,

Jesus: “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

(This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**)

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response:

‘Wherever you May Go’

MV 216

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
And your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow:
For I will be faithful, loyal and true.**

***Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
We will travel side by side
And God’s love will be our guide. R***

From beginning to the end
I will always be your friend,
When you need me, I'll be there,
You can trust my faithful care. R

Invitation to the Offering

From whom much is given, much should be given. We are blessed not for ourselves but to be part of God's larger community, where all are taken care of, loved and valued. Let our offerings be presented.

Doxology

'In Gratitude and Humble Trust'

VU 544

In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Prayer of Dedication: ¹(Unison)

Generous God, you have blessed our lives with gifts, both visible and invisible. We offer our gifts in gratitude, to build up your kingdom in the world. Bless all that we give to make a difference in the lives of others, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

Closing Hymn:

'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'

VU 288

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. R

Refrain

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me.*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in the courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing

I'm gonna live so God can use me'

TBoP #648 vs 1

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
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anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

Postlude: Toccata on Amazing Grace

~ Pardini

¹ Presbyterian Church in Canada, worship planner July 6, 2025; Presbyterian Church in Canada, worship planner July 6, 2025;
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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO EVERYONE!

May this worship service be a blessing in your day
as we continue to worship together each week in person and by Zoom.

Please join us in Hall following the service for refreshments.

Thank you to our Volunteers:

Greeters - Rose Carolyn Smith and Mary Stickles

Scripture Readers -

Rick Gremm (Galatians 6:1-16); Ron Naugler (Narrator); Barbara Cull-Wilby (Jesus)

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin and Beth and Shawn Meister

Fellowship Hosts

Counters - Colleen Watson and Paul Lawson, Carole Peacock and Gail Simmons

Can't make it to Sunday Service in person? Join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287> Passcode: 2023

View anytime on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.paulsunitedchurch984/videos>

Rev. Michelle Vacation Coverage

**Rev. Michelle will be away on vacation
from July 13 (post service) - Aug 25th**

For pastoral emergencies, please call:

July 13 - Aug 4 - Ellen Beirsto by phone 506-206-1943 or text 5064742324

August 4 - 25th - Rev. Richard Bowley cell 506-262-2150

Services will be covered by:

July 20 - Rev. Jacqueline Cleland (Howie)

July 27 - Andrew Speight

August 3 - 31st Worship at Wilmot 10:30 am

WE ARE STILL ASKING for Fellowship Hosts for the Sundays of July 20 and 27, while Wilmot United joins us for Downtown United Shared Summer services. Please call the office if you are able to take one of these weeks. Thank you.

CREATORS MARKET at SAINT ANDREW'S & ST. PAUL'S

On July 10 and 11 (5 - 9 pm) and the 12th (10 am - 2 pm), there will be a local creators market in the Church Hall. This is a project in support of some of the people involved in our outreach programs who are local artisans, with small table registration being split between Under the Tent, Mental Health Programming, and the church/organizer, to support and encourage community engagement and impact. **If you can help with event supervision/support, we are looking for people for Friday PM and Saturday AM. To volunteer, or to participate as a vendor, please reach out to Rev Michelle ASAP.**

GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR? ALREADY IN UNIVERSITY?

Students who are members or adherents of St. Paul's and plan to pursue post-secondary studies this fall are invited to apply for financial support from the **Wark/St. Paul's Scholarship Funds**. Details on eligibility and application guidelines are available at www.stpaulsunited.ca under "Resources". **Applications must be received on or before July 31st**

ST. PAUL'S PANTRY PROGRAM - This week we are asking for donations of sardines, milk, soda crackers, mayo and jam. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support.

THE BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

needs canned proteins with pull tops (such as flakes of meat, Chef Boyardee, chili, sardines), chicken/tuna salad & crackers, pudding cups, fruit & apple sauce cups, and small, sweet treats such as mini chocolate bars. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Ongoing Church Activities

Monday - Friday ~ Community Outreach ~ Brown Bag Lunch Program

Wednesdays ~ Community Outreach ~ Pantry Program from 9-11am

Thursdays ~ Bible Study from 6-7pm ~ *All are welcome!*

Fridays ~ Community Outreach ~ Breakfast 2 Go from 8:30-10am

SAINT ANDREW'S BREAKFAST 2 GO PROGRAM asks for donations of the following items: peanut butter, canned milk, coffee, Cheese Whiz, crackers and Boost or similar nutritional drinks. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE

Rev. Michelle can be reached on the main office phone lines, her direct office line 506-455-0639, by text or call to her cell number: 506 259-7602 or via email at michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com Her drop-in office hours are Sundays & Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.